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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Next Meeting



Patti Roscoe Editor

As your editor entered the Liberty Station dining room, she was puzzled watching five Rotarians sitting at monitors wearing virtual reality headsets and intently looking at the screens. They were viewing a scene from the Presidio, circa 1790. When it was my turn for the experience, I wanted to trade my shoes in for sandals and walk along the

dusty landscape. It felt that real. Hence the moniker, virtual reality. When instructed to look away from the screen down towards the floor, still wearing the headset, a bit of vertigo was felt. It was like peering into an endless abyss, a chasm of geometrical angles. Without the headset, it was the carpet. Goodbye, headset, and off to find my table.

Why was President Elect-Elect, **David Oates**, gonging us to order? Well, it seems he was subbing for Past-President **John Monell**, who was to have subbed for London-bound **President Bob**, because President-Elect **Suzy Spafford** is out of town. It felt like a weird alternate reality, which was to be a harbinger of today's program.

But first, there were three "no's" on David's agenda. No *Some-National-Obscure-Day* to recognize, no tie that matched said *Obscure Day*, and no Village People vest to wear (although it was brightly seen hanging on his chair.) Prez E-E Oates did follow some of Bob's script with a historical remembrance of Past President **George W. Sears**, 1957-58. PP Sears was a mover and shaker in those days as a banker and president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

We learned from **Cheryl Wilson** that May is Older American's Month, to which many in the audience could relate. Her lovely Inspirational Moment paid homage to a favorite aunt born in 1898, fondly called the *Duchess of Brighton*. Thanks to **Brandon Horocks** and **Larry Showley** for leading us in our Anthem and song. Our news oracle of the day was **Stan Lawrence**. The Dow was sinking, matching his final anecdote. A thank you to **Nancy Latumo** of Mainly Mozart for being this week's news sponsor.

Jennifer Barnes asked us to bring a prospective member or two to our May 31 Membership Reception.

One of my tablemates was Bishop **George McKinney**, who joined Rotary in 1966 and was named Mr. San Diego in 1995. He proudly watched as his very accomplished daughter-in-law, **Wendy McKinney**, became our newest member. *Welcome*, *Wendy!!!*

Cheryl Wilson was up again to introduce two visiting seniors from St Paul's. It's always interesting to learn about their noteworthy life experiences. The CADES annual scholarship (which translates into Craig and Doug's Excellent Scholarship) is named to honor two long-time members of Club 33, Craig Blower and Doug Arbon for their early promotion of science learning. Scholarships are presented to underserved high school seniors who have shown an aptitude in the field of STEM. Past President Peter Duncan introduced five students, each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations to Vargas Martinez, Mytien Danh, Evelyn Otero, Daniel Villasenor, and Karina Rios.

Chair of the Day and San Diego History Center Executive Director Bill Lawrence bestowed historical gifts on a smiling Rotarian from Munich, Germany. Bill introduced Victor Ciccarelli, CEO and Founder of 3R's Robotics, an automation and robotics company. Mr. Ciccarelli and business partner, Brian Alvara, operate their San Diego based company, as well as their Steam Maker Workshop. http:// www.steammakerfest.org. STEAM translates into science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Ciccarelli works with educators to bring science creativity and innovation into the schools. He has a passion for giving students the tools and confidence to follow their dreams.

The History Center turned to 3R's to create an accurate representation, in virtual reality, of what El Presidio Real looked like in 1790.

3R's spent nine months of research pouring over archival documents, including an 1851 Corps of Engineers map. They ultimately were able to create an accurate map of the area. History was brought to life with a 360-degree view of the Presidio. 3R's has also produced "Seven Minutes of History" to be introduced at this year's Del Mar Fair, and then will be featured at the San Diego History Center for one year. Continued on page 2

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AMNON BEN-YEHUDA:

A Story of Survival

During the battle of Nebbi Yusha in the Upper Galilee on April 20, 1948, Club 33 member Amnon Ben -Yehuda, a Palmach soldier and squad leader, was shot in the head and rescued by his fellow soldiers to Ramot Naftali, a mountaintop settlement about a mile away. He remained there for two days before being carried down the mountain, ultimately to a hospital outside of Tel Aviv. Though this is but one story of bravery and comradeship in battle, for Amnon, it is a universal tale.



Bridget Meckley Chair of the Day

Give the gift of Rotary

Attend our
Prospective Member
Reception
May 31, 11:30 am-noon

Click here for more information and to register

QUICK BITS

2018-19 Committee Sign-Up

Sign up for a committee for the new Rotary year by June 1st.

Click here to sign up. Simply click on the buttons next to the committee (s) you would like to join and then click the "Done" button at the bottom of the page to submit your selections.

Remember, the Rotary year begins anew on July 1st, so you must reenlist for the committees you have worked on in the past.



Save the Date for our next Tennis event! Wednesday, June 20 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM (site TBD). Club 33

members, family members and friends are welcome. Registration will open June 1. For more information, please contact Bruce Hunt at 619.200.5565 or bruceahunt@prodigy.net.

BIRTHDAYS

	May
Scott Schindler	28
Mark Neville	29
Bennet Greenwald	29
Deirdre Maloney	31
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Mark H. Stuart	June 1
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Virtual reality technology is being utilized in the education arena to transport students to places beyond their reality. 3R's focus is to provide STEAM education programs that completely engage students at all levels, where they come away inspired and eager to continue exploring the world around them. 3R's ultimate goal is to have this tool in schools nationwide.

Virtual reality replaces our real-world environment with a simulated one. Augmented reality alters our current perception of a real-world environment. Ciccarelli envisions augmented reality as the future. Think that's way off into the future? Think again. Just download Google Sky on your phone and there you are--in augmented reality--exploring the Solar System--on a phone--in your hand.

After such a revolutionary presentation, Prez Elect-Elect Oates brought us back to Planet Earth by rewarding Mr. Ciccarelli with our much-coveted, very high-tech Four-Way Test paper weight. And the beat goes on.

2018 MR. MRS. MS. SAN DIEGO NOMINATIONS

Last day to submit a nomination form is June 1st. If you would like to propose a candidate, please contact Mary at the Rotary office for a nomination form.

Club 33 needs your help in proposing a candidate or two for the prestigious annual "Mr.-Mrs.-Ms. San Diego" award which will be selected in late June by our Past Presidents.

A candidate should be a living person, not now in government elective office, who has contributed outstanding community service and leadership to the San Diego region in a variety of ways and over a long period of time.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and interest.

Cordially,

Fred Frye, George Gildred, Mike Morton, Sr., and John Morrell

"MMM San Diego" Coordinating Committee

CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LIBERTY STATION CONFER-ENCE CENTER UNLESS OTHER-WISE NOTED

May

31 Amnon Ben-Yehuda

June

- 7 Chris Thornberg, Beacon Economics
- 14 RDML Yancy Lindsey
- 21 Jamie Quient, Free to Thrive

GROTARIAN EVENTS

June event—TBD—details coming soon.

Our event in July will be held at the AleSmith Brewing Company.

We will tour the world-class 106,000 square foot brewing facility, which is the second largest facility in San Diego County. The tour is approximately 45 minutes and covers the entire brewing process from wort creation, fermentation, filtration, carbonation, bottling, packaging, and more. with other new Rotarians.

<u>Click here</u> for more details and to register early!

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

Bob Russell, President ◆ Paul Devermann, Executive Director

YOUTH SOCCER COMMITTEE

The committee is looking for volunteers to help with their inaugural soccer tournament on June 9^{th} and 10^{th} .

There are three "Shifts" to sign up for:

- 8am 11am
- 11am 2pm
- 2pm 5pm

Roles we need to fill:

- Registration checking teams in and making sure that kids have all the necessary information
- Game Management making sure that games are running on time. Recording scores and outcomes of games
 - Operations set up and tear down of fields, tables, etc.
 - Food making sure that each team receives their allotted lunch

Please contact <u>Daniel Amaro</u> for more details or to volunteer. Thank you.



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Wendy McKinney—"Social Service and Welfare-Red Cross." Wendy is the Chief Development Officer for the American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

She is a native of Los Angeles. She graduated from UCLA with a degree in Economics. Before joining the Red Cross, Wendy was the development Director of the Neighborhood House Association, where she successfully created and led their fundraising division.

She is involved with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Economic Development Corporation, and the 1898 Society at the Red Cross. She is also a former member board member of the Jackie Robinson YMCA.

Wendy and her husband, Pastor George A. McKinney, have been married for 27 years and have 3 children. (Their youngest attended Camp Enterprise a few years ago!) Wendy's father-in-law is Club 33 honorary member Bishop George D. McKinney, who is also our 1995 Mr. San Diego recipient.

Joe Craver, Stan Hartman and Bill Earley were her sponsors.

Email: wendy.mckinney@redcross.org

The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by June 4:

- Rick Chatham (former Rotarian) "Real Estate Development Baja"
- Robert Fletcher, Jr. (YoPro) "Gas and Electric Service Additional Active"
- Janessa Goldbeck (YoPro) "Consultant Public Policy and Communication"
- Ned Silver "Retired Pharmacist"
- Steve Snyder "Museum Science"

FACES IN OUR CROWD







Members took part in the virtual reality demonstration and were transported to the Presidio in 1790.



(Left) Despite being called to duty at the last minute, President Nominee David Oates did a superb job in presiding over our meeting; (right) guest speaker Brian Alvara, Chair of the Day Bill Lawrence, David Oates and guest speaker Victor Ciccarelli.





(Left) New member Wendy McKinney with her husband Pastor George A. McKinney and her father-in-law, Club 33 honorary member and our 1995 Mr. San Diego, Bishop George D. McKinney; (right) Jennifer Barnes promoted our May 31 Membership Reception.





(Left) Past President Peter Duncan, and founder of the Craig and Doug's Excellent Scholarship (CADES) introduced us to this year's recipients; (right) **Doug Arbon**, who is one of the two Club 33 members that CADES is named after, with the scholarship recipients.

